

## Successful Reunion For Standing Family

Favored by beautiful weather, 141 members of the family of George and Deborah Standing gathered at the Friends Meetinghouse north of Earlham on the weekend of August 21-23, in memory of the family's arrival from England one hundred years ago to make their home in Iowa. Visitors were present from 15 states, including such distant places as California, Wyoming, Georgia, and Massachusetts.

Memories of George and Deborah and their sons were presented by Ellen Standing Buschman and Charles H. Standing to the enjoyment of all. The program featured a skit portraying the family life in England; also a ballad, "The Little Englishman," a pioneer neighbor's version of the Standings' arrival in this community. They were both

written by Martha Standing Foster. Tape recordings of music and narration by Martha's son, Cameron, added a pleasing touch. Miriam Standing and Eleanor Hutzell brought out of an old trunk treasures of that early day, with a story explaining each item. The program closed with recordings of the voices of Josiah Standing and Alfred Standing, reciting favorite Bible passages and poems.

Josiah Standing is the only living son of George and Deborah. He is almost 98 years old, and resides at Beaumont, California. He was unable to attend the reunion, and his family was the only one not represented. However, a phone call was made to the Ernest Standing home where Josiah lives and greetings were exchanged.

A picnic supper was enjoyed on Saturday evening on the lawn of Miriam Standing's home, at the site where Deborah and George settled. In the house, relatives could view old family

possessions, pictures and important documents. Standing family art was displayed in the Meetinghouse basement. The occasion was enhanced by the presence of many children and young folks. There was wide participation in a variety of lively outdoor games. The children especially enjoyed a parachute game, under the direction of June Guindon, who is a playground supervisor at Seaside Park, New Jersey.

Those who could remain until Sunday joined in morning worship at the Meetinghouse. A bountiful dinner was served afterward to the whole company. All those in attendance felt that the Centennial was a worthwhile occasion, giving opportunity to renew old ties, to make new acquaintances, and to share the inspiration gained from contemplating the heritage handed down to us from these courageous pioneers.